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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Hillsborough - Pair Plead Guilty to Illegally Exporting Night Vision Rifle Scope Parts

(U) A couple has pleaded guilty in connection with a scheme to illegally export night vision rifle scope parts to Russia. Naum Morgovsky, 69, and Irina Morgovsky, 66, purchased the components, which included image intensifier tubes and lenses, through their US-based company Hitek International. They then shipped them to their night vision manufacturing company in Moscow, according to an indictment filed in US District Court in San Francisco. Naum Morgovsky also pleaded guilty to two other counts of laundering a total of \$223,000 in profits. The guilty pleas came during jury selection for a trial that was scheduled to begin Tuesday. Each count carries a possible maximum sentence of 20 years. SOURCE: 13 June 2018, East Bay Times

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona - Man Found With \$182K In Meth and Heroin at Border

(U) Tucson – A 65-year-old man is accused of trying to smuggle various drugs across the border. US Customs and Border Protection arrested the suspect at the Port of San Luis entry. They say officers had a man driving a Chevy van from Mexico undergo additional questioning. A drug-sniffing canine then alerted officers that it had detected something. A search of the van turned up 46 pounds of meth, 2.5 pounds of heroin hidden inside the roof. The drugs are estimated to be worth a street value of \$182,000. The man, whose name was not released, was turned over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigators. Officers seized the drugs and the van.

SOURCE: 13 June 2018, Associated Press

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - US Warns World Cup Travelers' Devices Could Be Hacked

(U) Washington – The top US counterintelligence official is advising Americans traveling to Russia for football's World Cup beginning this week that they should not take electronic devices because they are likely to be hacked by criminals or the Russian government. In a statement, William Evanina, an FBI agent and the director of the US National Counterintelligence and Security Center, warned World Cup travelers that even if they think they are insignificant, hackers could still target them. US agencies have issued similar warnings before other major international sporting events, including the recent Winter Olympics in Seoul.

SOURCE: 13 June 2018, Reuters

(U) Idaho – Child Treated for Plague, First Human Case in 26 Years

(U) Elmore County – A boy is recovering after contracting plague, the first human case in the state in more than two decades, health officials say. A representative for the Central District Health Department, said that the child, who has not been publicly identified, is back home and doing well after being treated with antibiotics in the hospital. The child became ill late last month and, earlier this week, health authorities received laboratory confirmation that he had bubonic plague. Human plague cases in the

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state are rare, with the most recent cases reported in 1991 and 1992.

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(U) Illinois – More Than 50 Arrested in Drugs Case

(U) Chicago – Multiple people face drug-related charges in a case that prosecutors say involves Chicago dealers, a Wisconsin courier and a Mexico-based trafficker. The US Attorney's office in Chicago said that seven people are charged federally and under Illinois law. Federal court filings say 60-year-old Krzysztof Rak ran a drug trafficking organization in Mexico and worked with a Wisconsin-based courier to distribute fentanyl to Chicago's West Side. In the same investigation, dubbed "Operation Full Circle," 30-year-old Tekoa Tinch is accused of agreeing to kidnap someone \$500,000 in debt to Mexican traffickers. Prosecutors say the Bloomington, Illinois, man was arrested before he could carry out the plan. SOURCE: 13 June 2018, Associated Press

(U) Wisconsin - Woman Accused of Recruiting for ISIS

(U) Cudahy – Federal authorities allege a woman hacked social media accounts to recruit on behalf of ISIS. Waheba Issa Dais is charged with providing material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reports she appeared before a federal magistrate yesterday and is scheduled to return to court tomorrow to determine bail. According to an FBI affidavit, Daisalso also provided instructions on how to make explosives, biological weapons, and suicide vests. SOURCE: 13 June 2018, Associated Press

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Senegal – Video of Two Female Hostages Released

(U) Dakar – Al-Qa'ida's Mali branch released a proof-of-life video showing footage of two female hostages abducted in separate incidents and held for more than a year. The video released on Telegram by the Mali-based al-Qa'ida affiliate known by its acronym JNIM shows Colombian nun Gloria Cecilia Narvaez caring for French aid worker Sophie Petronin, according to the US based group that monitors extremist communications. Petronin was kidnapped in late 2016. Narvaez was seized near Mali's border with Burkina Faso in February 2017. Several hostages in Mali have been held for years. The extremists have made a fortune over the last decade abducting foreigners in the vast Sahel region and demanding enormous ransoms for their release.

SOURCE: 13 June 2018, Associated Press

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